

REMARKS

In compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.823(a), the paper copy of the Substitute Sequence Listing for the above-identified application is, by this amendment, added after the last page of the application. The Sequence Listing has been changed to correct formatting/identifier errors. No new subject matter is added as support is found in the application as filed.

As indicated above, submitted herewith is a copy of two (2) Notices to Comply, one dated **December 19, 2003** and the second dated **January 6, 2004**. These two Notices to Comply are apparently identical. This paper is meant to respond to both these Notices to Comply.

CONCLUSION

In light of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants submit that the application is now in form for issuance and an early allowance is earnestly requested. If any issues remain, the Examiner is invited to telephone the Attorney at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



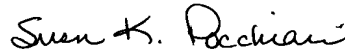
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